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Division of Emergency Medical Services

**In the Matter of
Kenneth L. DeFranco, EMT-Basic**

Summary Suspension

On August 23, 2007, the Department received information from the Foster Police Department regarding communications in the form of e-mails that were written by the Respondent to at least two other people that exhibit profane and violent language designed to threaten an individual with serious bodily harm/death. Specifically, two e-mail letters in July and August 2007 contain the following statements:

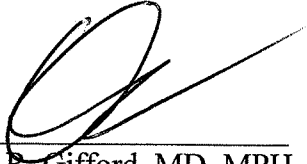
1. "i like to hurt people. the government trained me to and I love showing my training off."
2. "ask the 13 cranston, ri cops I incapacitated in a drunken stupor."
3. "there's nothing more exhilarating than looking into someone's eyes as their life fades away at the end of your hands. or even better, sneaking up behind them, knowing they have no idea they're about to die, and ending their life. so please think I'm a fake and push me over the edge."
4. "i have a very special ending planned for you. i know 142 ways to extricate information from people. i'm going to use every single one on you just for fun before i end it."
5. "my world is very cold and dark place. i'll take you into it and Barbie and her friends will never find you. i'll send you home piece by piece, i'm not threatening you, i'm promising you...I'm not playing games"

The Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, is in possession of records indicating that the Respondent has been involved in criminal activities from February 22, 1995 to July 20, 2001, that include the following: Pleas of nolo contendere for Resisting Arrest; Disorderly Conduct; Providing False Information to a 911 Operator; Vandalism/Malicious Injury to Property; Simple Assault or Battery; and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol. Further, the Department has learned of

an additional violation that was adjudicated on August 4, 2006, whereby the Respondent pled nolo contendere to the charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

ORDER

After a review of the information received, it has been determined that the continuation in practice as an Emergency Medical Technician of Kenneth L. DeFranco would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, Kenneth L. DeFranco is suspended from practicing as an emergency medical technician until further Order of the Department of Health. Respondent's suspension is in accordance with the terms of the administrative procedures act RIGL 42-35-14 (c). The Respondent is entitled to a hearing pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. 42-35-14(c).

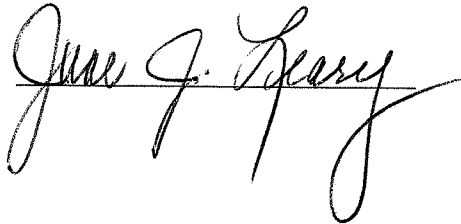


David R. Gifford, MD, MPH
Director of Health

August 27, 2007

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

A copy of this Summary Suspension Order was hand delivered and sent regular mail to Kenneth L. DeFranco, EMT, 9 King Road, Foster, 02825 RI by the undersigned on this 27th day of August 2007.



June J. Geary